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TO: Board of Directors
FROM: SLA Technical Standards Committee
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RE: Mid-Year Report for SLA Technical Standards Committee for the year 2009

The following individuals serve on the Technical Standards Committee for 2009: Sara Davis, Robert Ballard, Jin Xiu Guo, Sanjay Kataria, Stacy Naus, Janel White, Michael Kim (chair). In addition, Kate Arnold is serving as Board Liaison, and John Latham is serving as the Staff Committee member.

The Committee co-sponsors a program at the SLA 09 Annual Conference in Washington, DC. on 16 June in conjunction with the Information Technology Division. The session will include what's new in standards around the world as well as the latest information from NISO. Todd Carpenter from NISO will be a speaker and will give an overview of some new developments at NISO. Marjorie Hlava will present an update overview on standards.

The Committee has conducted its business via e-mail. One of the main charges of the committee is to vote on ballots from NISO (National Information Standards Organization) regarding standards under consideration. The chair has received notifications of the ballots and has shared them with the committee members. Based on feedback from the committee members, the chair casts the ballots. The Committee members put a lot of efforts to read the proposed NISO standards. So far, the committee has considered, reviewed, and voted on 18 different ballots during 2009.

The Committee is working on creating a wiki to keep interested SLA members informed regarding newly proposed and/or approved NISO standards. The Committee is also planning to have an informal meeting over lunch or dinner during the 2009 Conference to discuss 2010 Conference program ideas. The chair appreciates the committee members' expertise, volunteerism, and contribution to the SLA.

Respectfully submitted by Michael Kim, Chair (for 2009)